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Dear Dr. Ehrenfield:

This letter invites Dr. Paul Strudler to participate in our upcoming site visit to the Marshall Islands. Dr. Strudler is working with us in regard to a Federal Register solicitation and review of applications for a new Department of Energy (DOE) medical care program in the Marshall Islands.

In a public meeting held July 8, 1997, DOE agreed to arrange a visit to the Marshall Islands for potential bidders and other interested parties. I believe it is important that Dr. Strudler be included in this visit so he can meet the people and see first-hand the program's operation. We have already asked Dr. Strudler if he would be available for such a visit and he has indicated his willingness to participate.

I ask your approval for Dr. Strudler to travel to the Marshall Islands. He would tentatively depart Washington, DC, on September 17 and return on September 28, 1997. DOE will make all travel and lodging arrangements and bear the costs of travel, lodging, and per diem expenses at the current Federal government allowances.

To expedite your decision, I have included a place for your approval on this letter. Please send your response to Neil Barss by facsimile on (301) 903-1413. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Barss on (301) 903-4024.

Sincerely,

Frank Hawkins
Director
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cc: Dr. Paul Strudler, NIH

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